



## Gas Main Breaks in Slate Creek Owing to Tremendous High Water

### First Serious Trouble for Many Years

#### Occurs—Causes Untold Suffering

**Local Manager Tonkin Rushes Men to Repair Break at Earliest Possible Moment. Coal Men Receive Many Rush Orders.**

The main supply line of the Central Kentucky Natural Gas Company was broken early Monday morning and one whole section of the ten-inch pipe washed away. The break occurred on Slate creek on the Chambers and Robinson farm. Mr. Tonkin was notified at three o'clock Monday morning and immediately began gathering a force of hands and materials and rushed same to repair the break. The break was caused by the high water which is said to have been the highest ever known on Slate creek. Owing to this condition it was very hard to repair the break but the men worked heroically. The break cut off the supply of gas from this city, Winchester, Lexington, Paris, North Middletown, Versailles, Midway and Frankfort. The break was repaired about eleven o'clock Tuesday, but shortly after the pressure had been turned on a break occurred in the repaired portion, which caused another delay, however at 5:30 the gas was again turned on.

Canned goods, for food, and candles for lighting, brought many a good dollar from some worthy citizens who ordinarily would scorn such articles. The butchers reported a heavy sale of easily cooked meats, such as could be conveniently prepared on a coal grate or in a chafing dish, many using these rather crude methods of preparing an entire meal.

Oil stoves found a ready sale and dealers ran out of their supply early in the day. Plumbers and gas fitters were overwhelmed with

requests to disconnect the gas stoves and put in coal grates, while many evinced a sudden desire to cook and heat by electricity.

Miss Tonkin and Mr. Hastings, who were in charge of the office during Mr. Tonkin's absence, were kept busy answering questions as to when the gas would be turned on again, etc. One lady called at the office while the writer was trying to ascertain when the gas would be turned on, and in a very determined voice demanded to know, "Is it a fact that the natural gas has just naturally given out?" That she had been so advised and had come to headquarters for the straight of the matter. Mr. Hastings very politely informed her that the gas company expected to continue to do business, and she left perfectly satisfied.

While people were greatly inconvenienced and considerable suffering was caused, the company made every effort to get the break repaired as soon as possible.

#### CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The German Club at its annual meeting last week elected Robert L. Coleman, president; Mr. Charles W. Kirkpatrick, vice president, and Mr. Howell Reese, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Jack W. Burbridge and Walter O. Hopper were appointed on the Executive Committee to serve with the three officers. The membership of the club is limited to forty and this number having been reached the membership was closed and a waiting list opened. The first German will be given Valentine's Day, February 14.

#### THE SOCIETY MINSTRELS

The Society Minstrels given under the auspices of the Health and Welfare League at the Tabb Opera House last Thursday night was witnessed by a splendid crowd and quite a nice sum of money was realized for the organization. Many compliments were passed on those taking parts. The show was gotten up under the supervision of Mr. Steve K. Vaught, of Winchester. In addition to the local talent Mr. Ed Kissinger, of Clark county, and quite a favorite here, entertained the crowd with his banjo and bones. The whistling of Mrs. Kate H. Gatewood was a feature. Kidds Orchestra, of Lexington, assisted by Miss Flo Shirley, of this city, furnished the music.

#### HIGH WATER MARK

Slate creek was higher Monday than ever before in its history. The water ran over the big bridge at Howard's Mill which was constructed several years ago and placed four feet higher than water had ever been prior to its erection. Water was several feet high in the pumping station and had a fire broken out while these conditions existed the situation would have been serious as only the water in the standpipe would have been available.

#### OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

The stockholders of the Montgomery County Fair Association met at the courthouse Saturday, and after hearing reports from the secretary and treasurer, the following directors were chosen for the ensuing year: Charles G. Thompson, Dan N. Young, Jack C. Graves, Robinson T. Judy, John D. Greenwade, Robert L. Coleman and Ben W. Hall.

#### MAY GO TO EUROPE

Relatives here have received word from Mr. Bullitt McCoun at New York that he contemplates taking a business trip to Europe. His mother, Mrs. Nancy McCoun, has written him urging that he not make the trip owing to the war conditions now existing in Europe.

#### CLAY REEVES BURIED HERE

Mr. Clay Reeves, formerly of this city, died at Beattyville last Friday after a short illness of typhoid fever. Mr. Reeves was connected with the Adams Express Co., in this city, for several years and the news of his death was received with sincere regret by many old friends. He was a manly young fellow, polite and courteous and popular with a large circle of friends.

His body was brought to this city and buried in Macpelah cemetery Sunday. He is survived by his mother, one brother, Clarke, and one sister, Miss Erie, who have the sympathy of everyone in their sorrow.

#### GOOD-HEARTED WOMAN

Mrs. C. W. Bush kindly prepared coffee and a lunch for the operators of the Cumberland Telephone exchange Monday morning as most of them were forced to come to work without breakfast owing to the break in the line of the Central Kentucky Natural Gas Company. It was a thoughtful and Christian act and the girls are truly grateful for her kindness.

#### GOOD DEED

Manager Warren Hatton had the telephone operators call up all his subscribers late Tuesday evening to apprise them of the fact that the natural gas had been turned on. As the gas had been off for two days this enabled many to get their stoves going as soon as the supply had been given the city.

#### MARRIED SATURDAY

Mr. D. C. Combs, of Kiddville, and Miss Elizabeth Isobel, of near Grassy Lick, this county, were married by Rev. R. M. Reynolds at his home in this city Saturday. The young people have the best wishes of many friends.

#### COURT DAY DINNER

The Y. W. A. of the Baptist church will give a Courtday dinner in April. This organization always serves a splendid meal and it is hoped that all who can will patronize them.

### TOBACCO ON THE BOOM

**Mt. Sterling Warehouses Are Now Receiving Highest Prices in Their History.**

The three warehouses in this city have been receiving splendid prices for their offerings the last few days and all records for this market have been smashed. The farmers who have been unable to get their crops to the market sooner are indeed fortunate as the weed is now bringing considerable more than it did a week or ten days ago.

It is claimed that statistics show that the crop is many million pounds short this year and that the manufacturers are trying to outbid each other for the crop to meet their requirements. We urge the farmers of this section to bring their tobacco to the Mt. Sterling market, there is not a better one in the state and your crop is always handled promptly, honestly and efficiently.

#### BACK IN BUSINESS

We call our readers' attention to the advertisement of Mr. W. S. Lloyd, who is again in the drug business. Mr. Lloyd was a regular advertiser of the Advocate for many years and we are glad indeed to again number him among our patrons. Having lived here for many years and with the reputation he has for honest dealings he needs no recommendation from us. He asks us to advise the public that he will appreciate a share of their patronage.

#### FARM SELLS WELL

Mr. A. S. Johnson sold at public auction Monday his farm of 137 acres lying on the Maysville pike, for \$215.25 per acre. Mr. J. T. Highland was the purchaser. This farm is one of the best ones in the county. Mr. W. Hoffman Wood, the real estate man, had charge of the sale. This is the highest price ever paid for a farm as large as this one in Montgomery county.

### CIRCUIT COURT IS IN SESSION

**Judge Wm. A. Young Appoints Mr. H. R. Prewitt Commonwealth's Attorney Pro. Tem.**

Judge William A. Young called the Circuit Court to order Monday morning at ten o'clock and as Commonwealth's Attorney W. C. Hamilton was unable to be present on account of illness, the judge appointed Mr. Henry R. Prewitt Commonwealth's Attorney pro tem. The docket is a light one and aside from the Pergram case, which was transferred to this county from Bath, there are few important cases to be tried and court will therefore be in session but a short time.

Below will be found the list of gentlemen who comprise the juries:

#### GRAND JURY

James Cravens, E. F. Robertson, Jno. D. Stevens, A. J. Turner, T. J. Pendleton, R. L. Stewart, J. D. Crouch, C. E. Duff (Foreman), R. M. Bridgforth, J. T. Coons, W. E. Foley, T. R. Bowen, B. F. Carpenter, Tandy Chenault, H. L. Greene, R. M. Jones and J. M. Hoskins.

#### PETIT JURY

L. N. Beall, Oliver Howell, G. W. Halsey, W. G. Reasor, J. J. McFadden, Arch Prewitt, Wm. Carmichael, J. W. Cecil, F. M. Lockridge, Robt. Marshall, Eph May, C. C. Chenault, Jno. S. Wyatt, Ed. Ensor, R. T. Richardson, C. C. Boyd, Jas. Hamilton, H. C. Prewitt.

Later: The Pergram case on motion of the defendant and because of absent witnesses, was continued until the May term.

#### PLEASE GUESS AGAIN

Dame Rumor has it that one of the city's most beautiful girls is soon to become the bride of one of our most successful young business men. We realize it is very unkind to arouse ones curiosity this way and we would like to tell you who the happy couple is, but cannot do so.

## ALL RECORDS BROKEN

The highest average for any floor of tobacco ever sold in Mt. Sterling was attained at the

### FARMERS HOUSE

**MONDAY, JANUARY 22, WHEN 100,465 POUNDS WAS SOLD FOR THE HIGH AVERAGE OF \$19.85.**

**Eighteen crops averaging over 20 Cents. One basket brought \$40.00 per hundred. Below are a few averages.**

	Lbs.	Average		Lbs.	Average		Lbs.	Average
Thompson & Cline	4095	\$25.12	Crooks & Hunt	2395	\$21.38	Kerns & Richards	2020	\$20.22
S. Howell	3745	23.73	Sharp Bros. & Toy	2730	21.13	White & Ecton	2545	20.07
Cliff & Razor	2575	23.07	Roy Byrd	3310	21.01	E. P. & D. D. Clark	3430	20.03
One Razor	1390	22.70	W. L. Payne	2390	20.83	A. L. Tipton	3205	20.02
Land & Johnson	2135	21.58	Mason & Rolfe	2215	20.73	Lyons & Wells	1840	20.00
& Roberts	3080	21.48	R. G. Owings	2835	20.60			

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**FARMERS TOBACCO WAREHOUSE CO.**

CROCKETT, MANAGER

REX HALL, SECRETARY